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SUBJECT: TURKISH AID CUTOFF: NOON PRESS BRIEFING OF
DECEMBER 9

FOLLOWING ARE Q'S AND A'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 9,
1974 CONCERNING THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND ITS DECEMBER
10 CUTOFF DATE OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY:

QUOTE: Q: WHAT DOES THE UNITED STATES DO WHEN THE CUTOFF
GOES INTO EFFECT?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT IN FULL AND COMPLETE
COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THAT WILL MEAN IN TERMS OF
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ACTUALLY STOPPING SHIPMENTS?

A: I CANNOT TAKE YOU INTO THE DETAILS ON THIS. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

Q: CAN WE DETERMINE WHAT WILL ACTUALLY BE CUTOFF AS OF WHAT TIME ON DECEMBER 10, TOMORROW?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I WILL BE GLAD TO LOOK INTO THIS, BUT I WON'T PROMISE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING DEFINITE ON IT.

Q: I THINK IT HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION NEVER INTERPRETED A CUTOFF TO MEAN A CUTOFF OF PIPELINE STUFF AS WELL. IS THAT STILL THE POSITION?

A: I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT. I DO NOT KNOW. I HAVEN'T GONE INTO ALL THE LEGAL DETAILS HERE. ALL I'M TELLING YOU HERE IS THAT WE WILL BE ACTING IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, IN ANSWER TO MURREY'S FIRST QUESTION. BUT AS FOR ALL THE DETAILS, I JUST DON'T HAVE THEM.

Q: YOU'RE NOT SURE WHETHER THE COMPLIANCE ALLOWS PIPELINE DELIVERIES TO CONTINUE?

A: I DO NOT KNOW.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK URGENTLY THAT WE DO GET THIS AFTERNOON SOME BASIC INFORMATION ON WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE TO TURKEY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF WHAT WILL BE CUTOFF, AS YOU SAY, IN FULL AND COMPLETE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. THE DATE IN THE BILL IS DECEMBER 10. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION AS TO WHEN THAT ACTUALLY CUTS OFF AND EXACTLY WHAT IT DOES CUT OFF.

A: AS I SAID EARLIER, I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO LOOK INTO THESE QUESTIONS. I'M NOT PROMISING THAT YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU'VE ASKED FOR, ALL THE DETAIL-
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ED INFORMATION. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER IT'S AVAILABLE. I WILL LOOK INTO IT.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU, ON THE RECORD, THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASKING IN THIS FORUM SINCE JULY AS TO THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW ON TURKISH AID, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ANSWER FORTHCOMING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Q: MAYBE IT'S NOT SO EASY TO TELL US WHAT'S IN THE
PIPELINE -- THOUGH I DON'T SEE WHY NOT -- BUT CERTAINLY
YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THE LEGAL POSITION. WE ASKED YOU
EARLIER AND YOU SAID YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, WHETHER
THE DECEMBER 10 MEANS ALSO A CUTOFF OF EVERYTHING IN THE

PIPELINE. THERE MUST BE A CRYSTALIZED POSITION ON THIS.

A: WE CAN GO BACK TO THE LAW, BECAUSE IT IS A CONTINUING
RESOLUTION, WHICH IS PUBLIC LAW 93448 OF OCTOBER 17. WE
CAN GO AND LOOK AT THE TEXT OF THAT LAW.

Q: YOU KEEP REFERRING TO THE LAW. BUT THE LEGISLATION
WAS PASSED ON THE PREMISE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS
NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. SO TO REFER US BACK TO
THE LAW TELLS US NOTHING.

A: WELL, I'M JUST NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY MORE
DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT RIGHT NOW. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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